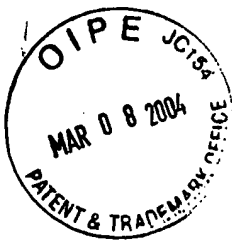


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This is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, the shortened statutory period for which runs until March 3, 2004.

Please make the following amendments. Amendments to the specification, Amendments to the claims, and Remarks, are presented on separate sheets below.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 7 of this paper.